

### AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

On the page containing the ABSTRACT, please replace the first paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

Shown and described is a composite material made of paper or cardboard as a base material ~~(1)~~ with a plastic coating, in particular for light-, gas- and liquid-tight heat-sealable packages, whereby the plastic coating in each case has outer sealing layers and a barrier layer of metal is present between the base material layer ~~(1)~~ and a sealing layer and a method for its production. According to the invention, a composite material should be provided, the base material layer ~~(1)~~ of which is protected in such a way that a package produced therefrom can be sterilised with a product contained therein in an autoclave or such like, wherein the composite material should be produced simply and cost-effectively. This is achieved by the fact that a further barrier layer ~~(2)~~ is provided on the other side of the base material layer ~~(1)~~.

On the page containing the ABSTRACT, please delete the second paragraph, consisting of 1 line, which reads: “**Fig. 1 is to be used for the abstract.**”